

HALL WITNESSES TORTURED BY COPS, ONE HANDCUFFED TO BED, CHARGE

N. Y. Girl Tries to Die In Philly

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23. — Screaming "Goodby, everybody, good-by," and waving frantically at early morning pedestrians from the window of a taxicab, a pretty young woman who later said she was Mrs. Myrtle Davis of New York city, swallowed three seven-grain tablets of bichloride of mercury today. Physicians at a hospital to which she was rushed by the driver of her cab, say she will die.

William Galligan, chauffeur, told police that he picked up his fare at 23d and Chestnut Streets, in the heart of the business district, about 6 a. m., and was ordered to drive east along Chestnut Street.

He had gone but a few blocks, he declared, when he heard his passenger scream her farewell, and turned in time to see her swallow the tablets.

She said that she was Mrs. Myrtle Davis, of 555 Lafayette Ave., New York city, and that she had left her husband and infant child when she came to Philadelphia.

Friends Mourn Dead Fonck Flyer



FUNERAL OF JACOB ISLAMOFF, burned to death when the Fonck plane was destroyed by flames as it started its trip to Paris, was held today on Roosevelt Field, near the very spot where the accident occurred. Photo above shows pallbearers carrying body to hangar, where Mohammedan services were held. (Photo Graphic.)

Louise Morton, 17, colored, of 668 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, is held on a charge of homicide in Kings County Hospital, accused of hurling her new-born child from a second story window.

Defense Counsel Opposes Motion for A 'Foreign' Jury

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TRENTON, Sept. 23.—Savage and inhuman treatment of witnesses was charged today to the Simpson investigation into the Hall-Mills murder during argument on the motion for a "foreign" jury here.

"At the conclusion of the proceedings, marked by sharp clashes and bitter characterizations, Supreme Court Justices Kelesch, Katzenbach and Lloyd reserved decision.

"This investigation smells of the Spanish Inquisition," thundered Robert H. McCarter, former attorney general of New Jersey and chief counsel for the defense.

Charges "Third Degree"

He then charged that the police under Inspector John J. Underwood, sought to bend the various witnesses to their own will by grilling them for as long as twenty hours at a stretch and inflicting torture upon them. He declared he could prove that in one instance a man was handcuffed to a bed



R. H. McCarter



J. J. Underwood

in the state troopers' headquarters at Somerset while being interrogated.

"I thoroughly sympathize with every citizen of New Jersey in a revulsion of feeling at the flamboyant newspaper way this case has been conducted," he added.

Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson, in making his motion for a jury composed of residents outside Somerset county, contended he could not obtain a fair and impartial trial in the latter community.

Prejudice Alleged

"The trial of this case should be like Caesar's wife—above suspicion," Senator Simpson told the court. "It is against the interests of justice to try it in Somerset county. I cannot accept the responsibility of trying it here with the eyes of the nation looking on New Jersey and her proper administration of justice."

In support of his contention Prosecutor Simpson submitted several affidavits, among them being one of Inspector Underwood, who set forth he had talked with numerous Somerset residents about the case and had found them openly hostile to the prosecution.

Calls Sheriff Diffident

The police official further stated that Sheriff Sanford W. Tunnison, who drew the panel for the jury which must hear the cases against Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, Willie and Henry Stevens, and Henry Carpenter, unless the pending motion is granted, had made no attempt to aid the inquiry.

"Sheriff Tunnison has ordered one of the investigators from my office out of the room, and even refused permission to the prosecutor (Simpson) to use a telephone when he so desired," the inspector's affidavit read.

Attached to it were several editorials from Somerset county newspapers criticizing the investigation.

Paris Plane Victim Buried With Mohammedan Rites

ROOSEVELT FIELD, L. I., Sept. 23.—His coffin of barbaric red facing that east into which he was to have sped aboard the ill-fated S-35, Jacob Islamoff, former lieutenant in the Imperial Russian navy, received today the last tribute of comrades and the parting rites of the fatalistic Mohammedan creed in which he, like his Tartar ancestors, had been nurtured.

Royalist emigres from his own Russia, officers of the United States army and navy, executives of the Sikorsky company, the French ace who commanded the big plane which crashed at the very start of its voyage to Paris—they stood with bowed heads as Mullah Shus-

sais intoned the solemn funeral chant.

Atop the casket which contained the body of the dead mechanician were the crossed flags of the United States and the imperial Russian government. Between them lay Lieut. Islamoff's sword and scabbard and a little silver box, found in the ruins of the S-35, containing a copy of the Koran.

About it were heaped high the floral tributes of personal friends, former shipmates in the Russian navy, employees and executives of the airplane company, and sympathizers. Capt. Rene Fonck, pilot of the plane in which Islamoff met death, and Lieut. Lawrence W. Curtin, relief pilot, jointly sent a magnificent set piece.

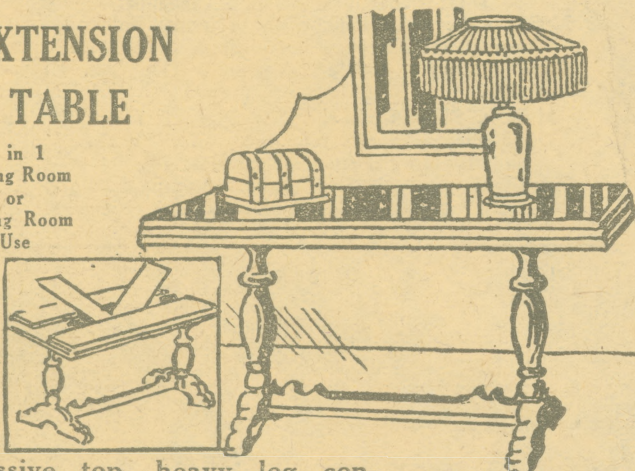
Friends Carry Casket

Some 300 mourners, including Capt. Fonck, Lieut. Curtin, Igor Sikorsky, royalist refugees and officers from near-by fields, were gathered in the hangar which had witnessed the S-35's birth when the coffin arrived, carried several miles from a Westbury undertaking establishment on the shoulders of twelve of the dead lieutenant's friends.

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